

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Huang for indicating allowability of Claim 2 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitations of Claims 2 have been included in Claim 1. Thgus, the claims are now allowable over the prior art of record.

The rejection of Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is obviated by the amendment of this claim.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, it is noted that even though A or B may be "0" in the core (KA or KB respectively) there are still required to be present because they are in the shell (SA or SB, respectively). Thus, the rejection of Claims 6 and 7 should be withdrawn.


This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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